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City Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote with Art Exhibit & Virtual Programs

Gaithersburg, MD (August 12, 2020) August 18, 2020, marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote. In commemoration of this historic event, the City of Gaithersburg presents the "Women's Suffrage Centennial Series," with educational events and an art exhibit exploring the women's suffrage movement and voting rights.

Virtual Speaker Series: *Maryland and the Suffrage Movement*

Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m.

[Community Museum Facebook Event](#)

Maryland had a very active suffrage organization even while the state's political leaders were mostly against passage. Learn more about this critical time during a Facebook Live discussion with Susan Philpott, a National Park Ranger at the [Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument](#), a historic house and museum of the U.S. women's suffrage and equal rights movements located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

Discussion with Patricia Cuff: *Alice Paul and Lucy Burns*

Tuesday, August 18, 1 p.m.

[Benjamin Gaither Center Facebook Page](#)

Patricia Cuff is the author of books on Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, two of the most prominent figures in the struggle for women's suffrage. With a comprehensive background in the history of the movement, Cuff will share her knowledge with a focus on Paul and Burns. Cuff is a retired high school and college English professor who has lived in Montgomery Village for 40 years.

"Why I Vote" Art Exhibit

Friday, September 11 – Monday, November 16

[Activity Center at Bohrer Park](#)

In collaboration with the Women's Caucus for Art, D.C. Chapter, ["Why I Vote"](#) explores such issues as the environment, immigration, civil rights, women's rights, the plight of the poor, gun violence, and the consequences of the pandemic. This exhibit is open to the public during regular facility hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. As this is an indoor activity, face masks and social distancing are required. A virtual exhibit will also be presented online by the [Women's Caucus for Art](#), D.C. Chapter.

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“Why I Vote” Exhibition Panel Discussion

Sunday, October 4, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

[Arts on the Green Facebook Event](#)

A panel discussion, moderated by guest curator Sandra Davis of the Women’s Caucus for Art, D.C. Chapter, will be streamed live on the [Arts on the Green Facebook page](#) and the City of Gaithersburg [YouTube](#) channel. The panel includes participating artists Lily Kak, Andrea McCluskey, Francine Stowe-Sinkler, and Rosa Ines Vera. The discussion will also include Janine da Silva of the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs and Elaine Apter from the League of Women Voters.

Virtual StoryTime Station: *Miss Paul and the President* by Dean Robbins

Tuesday, September 22, 11 a.m.

[Community Museum Facebook Event](#)

Author Dean Robbins reads his book "Miss Paul and the President." Alice Paul has loads of creative ideas for convincing President Woodrow Wilson to support voting rights for women. She organizes a parade and a demonstration at the White House gate, all designed to get the president’s attention. He finally comes around to supporting the vote for women, with a nudge from his own daughter. This event is recommended for children ages five to nine years old.

Virtual Speaker Series: *Visit from Elizabeth Cady Stanton*

Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m.

[Community Museum Facebook Event](#)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the architect of the early women's rights movement and friend and colleague of such historical powerhouses as Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, and Sojourner Truth, was also a judge's rebellious child, a reformer's wife, and the harried mother of seven. Join Stanton, as portrayed by Dr. Melinda Grube, as she reflects upon the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls and how the early years of the women's rights movement inspired a lifetime of empowering girls and women to demand equality and to fight for justice.

Melinda Grube, PhD, is a descendant of a Seneca Falls abolitionist family, and an expert on the life and times of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Her research focuses on the dynamic intersections of 19th century religion, reform, and women’s rights in the “Burned-Over District” of Upstate New York.

Virtual Speaker Series: *A Visit with Mary Church Terrell*

Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m.

[Community Museum Facebook Event](#)

Mary Church Terrell, suffragist and founder of the National Council for Colored Women, was a leader in the woman's suffrage movement and a pioneer in civil rights. As portrayed by Sherrie Tolliver, travel back in time with Terrell to get a glimpse into those hidden stories. Terrell helped to found the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Association for Colored Women’s Clubs (NACWC). She also worked with the National Women’s Party in picketing at the White House in support of women’s suffrage.

Sherrie Tolliver is a native Clevelander whose 40-year career as an actor, writer, director, stand-up comic, and history interpreter has taken her across the country and around the world. As a member of the group Women in History she has brought the stories of great American women, such as Rosa Parks, Madam C. J. Walker and Harriet Tubman, to life for audiences of all ages.

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Virtual StoryTime Station: *Around America to Win the Vote* by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Hadley Hooper
Tuesday, October 27 at 11 a.m.

[Community Museum Facebook Event](#)

Author Mara Rockliff reads her book, “Around America to Win the Vote,” the true story of Nell Richardson and Alice Burke’s daring cross-country adventure that is packed with humor, verve, and even a flat tire or two.

On April 6, 1916, a little yellow car set out from New York City. It carried tools, spare parts, a teeny-tiny typewriter, an itsy-bitsy sewing machine, one stout leather trunk bursting with useful things, two smiling women, and a wee black kitten with a yellow ribbon tied around its neck. Nell and Alice were off to tour the country from one end to the other with rallying shouts of "Votes for Women!" In their tiny yellow car, the two friends forded icy streams, braved a howling blizzard, trekked across unmapped desert sands, and even joined a circus parade to spread the word for women's right to vote. This event is recommended for children ages five to nine years old.

For more information on the Gaithersburg Community Museum events please call 301-258-6160. Follow on [Facebook](#) @GaithersburgCommunityMuseum and [Instagram](#) at @GburgCommunityMuseum.

For more information on the “Why I Vote” exhibit call 301-258-6394 or e-mail artgalleries@gaithersburgmd.gov. Follow Gaithersburg Arts on the Green on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) @ArtsOntheGreen.

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